

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

H.J.R. 73, § 1

specified by Section 11.22, Tax Code. This subsection may be repealed by the Legislature by general law.

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 7, 1995. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment relating to raising the limits of the exemption from ad valorem taxation of property owned by disabled veterans or by the surviving spouses or surviving minor children of disabled veterans."

Passed by the House on May 11, 1995: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.J.R. No. 68 on May 25, 1995: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 23, 1995: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Filed with the Secretary of State May 26, 1995.

H.J.R. No. 72

A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the ad valorem taxation of open-space land used for wildlife management.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Article VIII, Section 1-d-1, Subsection (a), of the Texas Constitution is amended to read as follows:

(a) To promote the preservation of open-space land, the legislature shall provide by general law for taxation of open-space land devoted to farm, ~~or~~ ranch, *or wildlife management* purposes on the basis of its productive capacity and may provide by general law for taxation of open-space land devoted to timber production on the basis of its productive capacity. The legislature by general law may provide eligibility limitations under this section and may impose sanctions in furtherance of the taxation policy of this section.

SECTION 2. The following temporary provision is added to the Texas Constitution:

TEMPORARY PROVISION. (a) The changes to the law made by Chapter 560, Acts of the 72nd Legislature, Regular Session, 1991, are validated.

(b) This section does not authorize a property owner to claim a refund of taxes paid unless the tax payment was challenged as provided by law before the effective date of this amendment.

(c) This temporary provision expires January 1, 1998.

SECTION 3. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 1995. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to allow open-space land used for wildlife management to qualify for tax appraisal in the same manner as open-space agricultural land, subject to eligibility limitations provided by the legislature."

Passed by the House on May 8, 1995: Yeas 136, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 26, 1995: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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H.J.R. No. 73

A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment reducing the amount of general obligation bonds authorized for the issuance for undertakings related to a superconducting super collider research facility.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 49-g(a), Article III, Texas Constitution, as adopted pursuant to H.J.R. No. 88, Acts of the 70th Legislature, Regular Session, 1987, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The legislature may authorize (1) the appropriate agency to issue up to \$250 [\$500] million in general obligation bonds and to use the proceeds of the bonds (without further appropriation) to establish a superconducting super collider fund to be used in any manner appropriate to fund undertakings related to a superconducting super collider research facility sponsored or authorized by the United States government, and (2) the appropriate agency to grant land or property, whether or not acquired from proceeds of the bonds, to the United States government for undertakings related to a superconducting super collider research facility. The superconducting super collider fund shall contain a project account, an interest and sinking account and such other accounts as may be authorized by the legislature. The fund shall be composed of the proceeds of the bonds authorized by this section, together with any income from investment of money in the fund, amounts received pursuant to Subsection (b) hereof, and any other amounts authorized to be deposited in the fund by the legislature.

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 7, 1995. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment reducing the amount of general obligation bonds authorized for undertakings related to the superconducting super collider research facility from \$500 million to \$250 million."

Passed by the House on April 26, 1995: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 18, 1995: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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H.J.R. No. 80

A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment to abolish the office of constable in Mills, Reagan, and Roberts counties.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 18, Article V, Texas Constitution, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (e) and (f) to read as follows:

(a) Each county in the State with a population of 30,000 or more, according to the most recent federal census, from time to time, for the convenience of the people, shall be divided into not less than four and not more than eight precincts. Each county in the State with a population of 18,000 or more but less than 30,000, according to the most recent federal census, from time to time, for the convenience of the people, shall be divided into not less than two and not more than five precincts. Each county in the State with a population of less than 18,000, according to the most recent federal census, from time to time, for the convenience of the people, shall be designated as a single precinct or, if the Commissioners Court determines that the county needs more than one precinct, shall be divided into not more than four precincts. Notwithstanding the population requirements of this subsection, Chambers County, from time to time, for the convenience of the people, shall be divided into not less than two and not more than six precincts. A division or designation under this subsection shall be made by the Commissioners Court provided for by this Constitution. *Except as provided by Subsection (e) of this section, in [] each such precinct there shall be elected one Justice of the Peace and one Constable, each of whom shall hold his office for four years and until his successor shall be elected and qualified; provided that in a county with a population of less than 150,000, according to the most recent federal census, in any precinct in which there may be a city of 18,000 or more inhabitants, there shall be elected two Justices of the Peace, and in a county with a population of 150,000 or more, according to the most recent federal census, each precinct may contain more than one Justice of the Peace Court.*

(e) The office of Constable in Mills County is abolished. The powers, duties, and records of the office are transferred to the County Sheriff.

(f) The office of Constable in Reagan County and the office of Constable in Roberts County are abolished. The functions of the office are transferred to the County Sheriff. However, the office of Constable is abolished under this subsection only if, at the statewide election at which the constitutional amendment providing for the abolition is submitted to the voters, a